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For: **Increased Lysine Production by Gene Amplification**  
Inventors: Hanke *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1533.1030002/MAC/PAC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form;
2. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;  
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Copy of Postcard forwarding IDS documents, dated June 22, 2001;  
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4. Statement Concerning Microorganism Deposit;
5. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Substitute Formal Drawing;
6. Substitute Formal Drawing Figure 13;
7. Our check no. 36729 for \$110.00 to cover the extension of time fee; and
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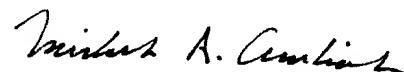
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Respectfully submitted,

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		143	460	243	230	Design issue fee
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